



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Marcel BOUFFIER  
Serial No.: 10/580,678 Confirmation No.: 5728  
Filed: January 25, 2007  
For: FUEL ASSEMBLY FOR A PRESSURIZED WATER  
NUCLEAR REACTOR CONTAINING PLUTONIUM-  
FREE ENRICHED URANIUM  
Art Unit: 3663  
Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

S i r:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2009 applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.